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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 3024

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, RP, US

SUBJECT: CIVAIR-USER CHARGES AT MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

REF: A. MANILA A-32 OF 2/4/77

B. MANILA 13804 OF 9/9/76

C. MANILA 3358 OF 3/9/76

1. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY REPORTED NEW LANDING FEES, IN MANILA A-32 OF FEBRUARY 4, 1977. HISTORY OF NEW FEES BEGAN WITH PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 895, WHICH HAD PROVIDED FOR RECIPROCAL LANDING FEES AS A FORM OF RETALIATION AGAINST THE HIGH LANDING FEES IN AUSTRALIA. AUSTRALIANS AND JAPANESE STRONGLY OPPOSED THE RECIPROCAL LANDING FEES, AND PHILCAA THEN COMPROMISED (ACCORDING TO ITS ACCOUNT) BY SETTING MANILA RATES AT LEVELS SLIGHTLY BELOW THE AVERAGE RATES FOR SEVEN ASIAN COUNTRIES.

2. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE WE ARE REPEATING BELOW SCHEDULE FOR LANDING FEES (AND ALSO POUCHING MANILA A-32 TO EB/TT/OA).

AIRCRAFT WEIGHT (KILOS) CHARGE (PESOS)

UP TO 50,000 KG. 9.00 PER 500 KG. OR PART THEREOF.

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50,001 TO 100,000 KG. 900.00 PLUS 10.50 PER
500 KG. OR PART THEREOF
OVER 50,000 KG.

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500 KG. OR PART THEREOF
OVER 100,000 KG.

3. NORTHWEST REPRESENTATIVE HAS TOLD US THAT A NW 747, BASED ON ITS AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATE SHOWING MAXIMUM TAKE-OFF WEIGHT OF 309,091 KILOS, WOULD NOW BE LIABLE FOR LANDING/PARKING CHARGES OF \$1,047.55 INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUS \$593.33. THE PARKING FEE FOR A 10-HOUR PERIOD HAS ACTUALLY DECREASED BY 68 CENTAVOS TO \$90.58. EXCHANGE RATE USED IS ONE DOLLAR EQUALS 7.50 PESOS. (THE FIGURE \$704.08 CITED IN A-32 WAS BASED ON A PANAM CALCULATION.)

4. ACCORDING TO LOCAL REPS OF ALL US CARRIERS, THE AIRLINE OPERATORS COMMITTEE WHICH REPRESENTS ALL AIRLINES OPEATING IN MANILA HAS WRITTEN TO THE CAA, POINTING OUT THAT THE PHILIPPINE FEES ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN THOSE EXISTING IN THE UNITED STATES AND ASKING THAT THE CAA RECONSIDER THE ENTIRE MATTER. IN ADDITION, INDIVIDUAL REPS HAVE APPROACHED CAA OFFICIALS IN THE SAME VEIN. THEY EXPECT THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS WILL EVENTUALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE WIRE WHICH IATA DG KNUT HAMMARSKJOLD SENT ON FEBRUARY 24.

5. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH OUR BRITISH, GERMAN, JAPANESE AND AUSTRALIAN COLLEAGUES WHO ARE EITHER IGNORANT OF THE NEW FEES OR ARE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. IN ABSENCE OF SUPPORT FROM OTHER EMBASSIES, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT MAKE AN CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROACH AT THIS TIME; OTHERWISE, WE WOULD BE EXPOSED AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE HAVING OTHER CIVAIR DIFFICULTIES. MOREOVER, THE AIRLINES AND IATA HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD IN APPROACHING THE GOP, AND WE OUGHT TO ALLOW TIME TO SEE WHETHER THESE APPROACHES SUCCEED. FINALLY, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER MANILA'S FEES DEVIATE SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THOSE CHARGED BY OTHER COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA. SULLIVAN

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